

## Ethiopia

### US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens **RECONSIDER TRAVEL** to Ethiopia due to COVID-19. Exercise increased caution in Ethiopia due to civil unrest and communication disruptions. Consult its website daily via the link below for any travel advisories about visiting this country.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

### Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 6 months after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp and or visa that will be required. A visa is required. US citizens will need to get in touch with the country's embassy or nearest consulate to obtain a visa prior to visiting the country.

### US Embassy/Consulate

[251] 11 130-6000; US Embassy in Addis Ababa; Entoto Street, PO Box 1014, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

### Vaccinations

An International Certificate of Vaccination for yellow fever is required for travelers arriving from countries with a risk of yellow fever transmission and for travelers having transited through the airport of a country with risk of yellow fever transmission. See WHO recommendations.

<http://www.who.int>

### Climate

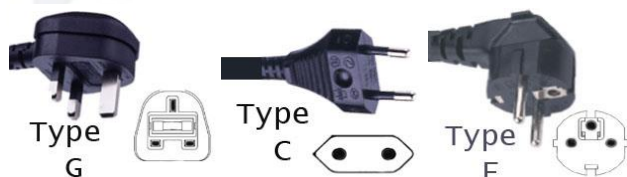
Tropical monsoon with wide topographically-induced variation

### Currency (Code)

Birr (ETB)

### Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

220 V / 50 Hz / plug type(s): C, F, G



### Major Languages

Oromo 33.8%, Amharic 29.3%, Somali 6.2%, Tigrigna (Tigrinya) 5.9%, Sidamo 4%, Wolaytta 2.2%, Gurage 2%, Afar 1.7%, Hadiyya 1.7%, Gamo 1.5%, Gedeo 1.3%, Opuuo 1.2%, Kafa 1.1%, other 8.1%, English (major foreign language taught in schools), Arabic

### Religions

Ethiopian Orthodox 43.8%, Muslim 31.3%, Protestant 22.8%, Catholic 0.7%, traditional .6%, other 0.8%

### Time Difference

UTC+3 (8 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

### Potable Water

Opt for bottled water.

<b>International Driving Permit</b>	A temporary license from a local authority is recommended. An IDP is not recognized.
<b>Road Driving Side</b>	Right
<b>Tourist destinations</b>	Addis Ababa (includes Imperial Palace, St. George's Cathedral, Holy Trinity Cathedral); Axum (Aksum); Bahir Dar; Harar Jugol; Gondar (includes Fasil Ghebbi); Simien Mountains
<b>Cultural Practices</b>	It is customary to bow when introduced to an elder or respected person. Elders are also usually introduced first when making new acquaintances.
<b>Tipping Guidelines</b>	A 10-15% tip is normal for good service at restaurants and in bars. Tip \$1 (USD) per bag for bellhops who carry luggage to your room and \$1-2 (USD) per day for hotel staff.
<b>Telephone Code</b>	251
<b>Local Emergency Phone</b>	Ambulance: 92; Fire: 93; Police: 91

Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

[World Health Organization \(WHO\) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. http://www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

[US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html)

[To obtain an international driving permit \(IDP\). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs: American Automobile Association \(AAA\) \(www.aaa.com\) and American Automobile Touring Alliance \(ATA\) \(www.aataidp.com\)](http://www.aaa.com)

US citizens may call the US Dept of State (+1-202-501-4444) for emergencies abroad.

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